



New England Fishery Management Council

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Request for Nominations New England Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

The Council is seeking qualified candidates to serve on its Scientific and Statistical Committee

- Appointments are for three years, with the term beginning in January 2027 and ending December 2029 and a limit of three consecutive terms.
- SSC members receive a daily stipend for meetings and are reimbursed for travel expenses.
- Nominees must submit:
 - A brief letter of interest describing reasons for wanting to join the SSC;
 - A resume or CV, including the length and type of relevant experience; and
 - A completed [Statement of Financial Interest Form](#).

SSC nominees should have expertise in stock assessment methods, population dynamics, statistics, fisheries biology, marine ecology, economics, or other social sciences as they apply to fisheries management. SSC members are expected to provide independent, scientific advice to the Council.

The purpose of the SSC is to assist the Council in the development, collection, evaluation, and peer review of statistical, biological, economic, social, and other scientific information relevant to the development of fishery management plans. The committee may:

- Provide guidance to ensure that fishery management plans are based on the best scientific information available.
- Provide scientific advice for fishery management decisions, including recommendations for overfishing limits, acceptable biological catches, and achieving rebuilding targets, as well as social and economic impacts of management measures.
- Provide peer reviews of regional scientific work, and methods and analyses prepared by the Council's Plan Development Teams. Individuals may be appointed to serve on regional peer review panels, including for stock assessments.
- Advise the Council on the preparation of comments on scientific issues.

All materials must be received by October 30, 2026, and should be sent via mail or email to:

Sherie Goutier, Executive Assistant at sgoutier@nefmc.org

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For more information, please refer to the [Council's Operations Handbook](#). If you have questions or need further information, please contact Rachel Feeney: rfeeney@nefmc.org; (978) 465-0492 ext. 110